

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held November 3, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

"The new Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 directs the establishment of a prescription drug discount card to significantly reduce prescription drug costs for low income individuals. To achieve the law's full potential, enrollment must be maximized in those communities and populations where a critical need exists. In many cases, the individuals living in these communities are eligible for but not receiving needed benefits.

"To address this challenge and expand enrollment opportunities, the Los Angeles Access to Benefits Coalition, led by the Los Angeles County Area Agency on Aging and the Los Angeles City Department of Aging, has been formed to help educate lower-income Medicare beneficiaries about available options, help them make informed choices, and assist them in enrolling in the new Medicare approved drug discount card program and other programs to help maximize savings."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Board proclaimed November 2004 as "Medicare Prescription Savings Enrollment Month" throughout Los Angeles County; and urged all eligible members of the community to enroll in a cost saving Medicare approved drug discount card program, as well as other public and private prescription drug savings programs.

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